GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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CYCLONE RISK MITIGATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Programme in the coastal areas with the financial assistance from the World Bank; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds received and spent so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (b): Yes, Madam. The Government of India initiated the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP) with World Bank assistance with a view to address the cyclone risks in the country. The project has identified 13 cyclone prone states and Union Territories (UTs) with varying levels of vulnerability. These coastal States/UTs have further been divided into two categories based on their vulnerability to cyclone risks:

Category I: High vulnerability coastal States i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

Category II: Low vulnerability coastal States/UTs i.e. Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Puducherry.

In the 1st phase, Government of India has approved the project for the States of Andhra Pradesh & Odisha in January, 2011, at a total cost of Rs. 1496.71 crore to address the vulnerability of coastal community to cyclone, who are generally poor and are from weaker section of the society. The project, first of its kind in disaster risk mitigation initiative is being implemented by NDMA to reduce loss of life and property in the event of future calamities. The World Bank will provide financial assistance equivalent to Rs. 1198.44 crore and the remaining amount of Rs. 298.27 crore will be provided by the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. The broad outcome of the project are up-gradation of cyclone forecasting, tracking and warning systems, cyclone risk mitigation and capacity building in multi-hazard risk management. The major infrastructure which will be constructed under the project includes multipurpose cyclone shelters (including shelter- cum-go-down) and approach roads/ bridges to habitations and embankments.

The details of funds released and spent is as under:

Rs. in crore
SL No. States Funds Released Fund Utilized
1. Andhra Pradesh 335.72 241.94
2. Odisha 321.79 235.55
Total 657.51 477.49